

# Visitor from 'Land Down Under'



**SECOND GRADERS** from Adams Elementary School explain their part in construction of bulletin board to James Merrifield Hodges, educator from Perth, Australia, who visited Torrance schools recently. Students are Dennis Anderson and Sandy Vides.

By **LYSLE ALBRO**  
James Merrifield Hodges, headmaster of an elementary school in Perth, Western Australia, visited Torrance schools Thursday.

## Students Slate Basket Drive

Key Club of Narbonne High School is beginning its 10th annual Christmas Basket Drive. For the next two weeks, homerooms will gather food and presents for needy families in the Lomita-Harbor City area. On Dec. 14, the Key Club will deliver the baskets on behalf of the Narbonne student body. Again this year, all homerooms will compete to win prizes for making the best baskets. Judges will be Mr. Morey, Narbonne's principal, and prominent community leaders.

The 51 homerooms will be judged in areas of meeting the needs of the family, balance and nutritional value of the food included, and decoration of the basket. Faculty Sponsor, Harvey Shaefer, suggests that plenty of meat and well-balanced food will put a homeroom well ahead in the competition. For those rooms which desire to give a turkey, the Key Club has arranged to purchase them at a reduced price. Only the size of the turkey need be specified. Contributions of money are not to be included in the drive.

According to Hodges, who is making a year's tour of educational institutions throughout the world and spending four months in the United States, Torrance was a "must" on his list, since so much had been written in national and international publications about the multi-grade system and the unique and efficient handling of supplies, books and materials in the Educational Materials Center.

In his country, with an area about the size of the United States, there are six school districts, each with a single director. The schools are absolutely equal, Hodges said, in quality of construction, which produces a leveling effect.

"Our best schools are not as good as your best schools," the visitor from "Down Under" said, "but our worst schools are better than some of your worst I have visited during this tour."

With a population of almost 10 million on the entire continent of Australia, roughly the population of Los Angeles County and the surrounding area, educational problems there are at least less massive, and, Hodges said, "there are plenty of teachers in Western Australia." He admitted Australia suffers chiefly a lack of supplies and school-room space.

Hodges, whose trip is being undertaken at his own expense, said he has found high praise for our State Department, which arranged his itinerary. "I have probably seen more of American education than most Americans," he said.

After having seen Torrance schools in action, he commented it was one of the few systems in which the things purported to be going on in the classroom, such as individual instruction, efficient use of the vast supplies of educational materials, and grade-by-grade articulation, are being practiced.



**CHRISTMAS FROM MANY LANDS** festival sponsored by Los Angeles Department of Municipal Art in the Municipal Art Gallery in Los Angeles' Barnsdall Park will be highlighted on opening night, 8 p.m., Dec. 11, by appearance of the United Nations Children Choir from Long Beach under the direction of Mrs. Easter Beekly. Pictured is Barbara Jean Durian, 10, 2405 W. 168th St., Torrance, one of 80-member group that will sing carols to opening night audience.

## Mass Signups Set for City Basketball Leagues

Mass signups for the Torrance Recreation Department's 1963 basketball leagues are being held three consecutive Saturdays at citywide locations.

Player and coach clinics, plus practice sessions to kick off league play, will be offered on the same schedule, according to Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation.

Leagues open for registration are Skyline, Rocky Mountain and Big Ten, with play on tap at North, South and Torrance High Schools.

**SKYLINE**  
Offered boys 10 and 11 years old. Signups Saturdays, Dec. 8, 15 and 22 at all three school locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. League play begins Saturday, Jan. 5.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**  
For boys 12 and 13 years old. Signups Saturdays, Dec. 8, 15 and 22 at three high schools from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. League contests start Saturday, Jan. 5.

**BIG TEN**  
Offered high school age boys (14 through 18) who have never lettered in basketball and who are not members of organized teams. Signups Wednesday, Dec. 12, North and Thursday, Dec. 13 at South, both from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Competition starts week of Jan. 7.

**CLINICS**  
Player and coach clinics will be Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at all locations.

**PRACTICE SESSIONS**  
Practice for all three leagues on Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.

and Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. at all locations.

**LIMITATIONS**  
Effective date for all age classifications will be Jan. 1, 1963. Participants may play in only one league and on only one team.

Trophies will not be given upon conclusion of the leagues, but "Flying T" cards will be presented to teams in first place in each league.

Parent permission slips must be submitted at either high school by Dec. 22. Blank forms are available at any city park or school playground, at either high school, or at the Torrance Recreation Department, 3031 Torrance Blvd.



**BEST DRESSED** for business office jobs are Al Swanson and Michele Kirchner, seniors at North High School. Pair was selected as most appropriately dressed by business faculty in recent Business Dress-up Day, an event held periodically throughout year.

LET'S GO

# BOWLING

With Carmen Fuscardo

Members of the fifty and over club are sponsoring a Scotch doubles for five weekends. Going into their third weekend of play, response has been favorable. Entry is \$3 per couple, 2/3 of 200 handicap. If you haven't bowled in Scotch doubles before, be sure to give it a try. It is fun and can also be profitable. There is a weekly prize of \$100, plus merchandise.

**TOP SCORES**  
This paragraph is dedicated to the 230 and under bowler, Barbara Johnson, bowling for Vernitron, hit a 166. In the Wednesday mixed five's, Doris Bryen, a 124-average bowler, rolled a nice 484 series.

Marshall Lab, Madeleine McNair had 168, Left-Overs League had Marge Leasure 177, Star-ups, Arlene Edwards 167, Mary Coretta 160, Westfield Carole Schmol, 180, Thursday mixed 4, Lucy Glass 184, Doris Huntsmen, 177, Sunsetters Phoebe Burtz, 179, Dora Wilson, Builders, Thelma Call 166, Guys and Dolls, Helen Buddeneohm, 187.

Tops for the 160 and over bowlers: Peterson Point mixed doubles Jimmie Brokaw 758, Ed Porter 806, John Waterman 213, Lou Buntrock, 212, 880 Ceratch, Arny Sherrill 234, Majorettes, Rusty Owens 221, Janelle Hunt 207-562, Ladies Peterson Point Doubles, Toots Cochran 237, Inge Bonchonsky 234-777 series, Mary South 236, Sundowners, Marion Rotolanti 211, Daniel Chambers 214, Bill Donagan 602, Early Show Carlos Quezambra 233, 515 scratch trio, Bob Damon 221, Gene Martin 214, South Bay Church of God, Henry Page 234, and Marie Haney 210.

**GABLE GAB**  
In a strike-studded match game at San Diego Sunday afternoon, the hard hitting Gable House Bowl beat Parkway Bowl in a thrilling 3-game series, 2359 to 2352. Arny Sherrel was the star with a 693 series.

Saturday night, two more Bowlers of the Week were crowned champions when Pat Baker rolled a nice 623 and Nina Baker a 615 series. The winners will compare at the end of the season for the big trophy and cash awards.

Grand champion for the Oscarettie roll off was Eileen Bryan with a terrific 668 series.

**TRIBUTE TO A LEAGUE**  
A word of praise to the Sunsetters, On their valient stand, for none are better, Members of this group stood by, Determined that this league would not die, And now there is only one thing more, We wish you all many top scores...



**SIGNUPS START** for city Recreation Department's 1963 basketball leagues, as Dickie Sturges, 12 (left) and Jay White, 9, register for competition. Recreation leader is Bob Flood. City will sponsor caps leagues for three age groups at North, South and Torrance High Schools. Clinics and practice sessions will be held next two Saturdays. —PRESS photo

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## Bank Names Ten Leaders On Board

An advisory board, made up of 10 leading business and civic leaders of the Palos Verdes Peninsula area, has been formed to counsel the management of Pacific State Bank's office in Rolling Hills Estates.

Purpose of the board is to assist the independent institution in formulating more expanded services in the personal service banking field. Board members include Dr. Wayne L. Butterbaugh, superintendent, Palos Verdes Unified School District; Dr. Roy L. Garris, professor of finance and banking at the University of Southern California; Kirk Glett, contractor; Dr. Hiroshi Guwata, M. D.; and Jerry Moss, real estate developer.

Also Thomas Murphy, assistant to the president, Western Airlines; Samuel Palmer III, attorney; Howard Seelye, editor and publisher, Palos Verdes News; Mayor Raymond Slaney of Rolling Hills Estates; and Cecil Toftness, mortgage banker.

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**LONGTIME EMPLOYEE** of downtown J. J. Newberry store is Mrs. Josephine Schroeder, retiring sales clerk. A 14-year veteran of Torrance store, Mrs. Schroeder receives congratulations from Merle Shoemaker, store manager. She has been a Torrance resident since 1926, will spend retirement time with grandchildren. —PRESS photo

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